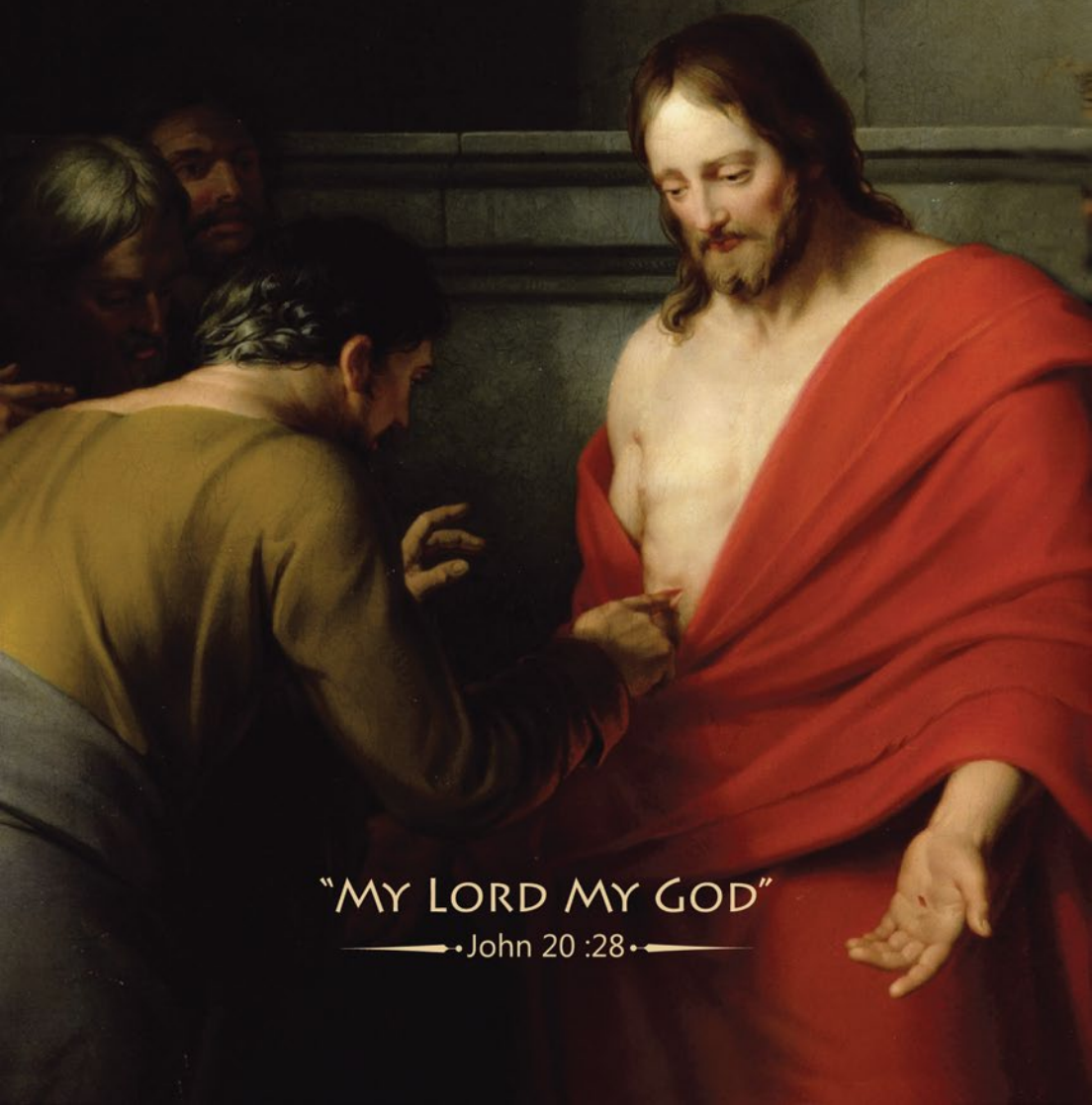




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"MY LORD MY GOD"

—•John 20 :28•—



*"It is important that our projects
and proposals be inspired by compassion,
vision and courage,
so as to seize every opportunity
to advance the construction of peace."*

Pope Francis





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VICAR'S Message



ഏറ്റവും സ്നേഹമുള്ള കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങളേ,

ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികമായും ഭൗതികമായും സാന്ത്വനം ഇടവക പുരോഗതിയിലൂടെ കടന്നുപോകുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഒരു പാരീഷ് ബുള്ളറ്റിൻ ആരംഭിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് നമ്മൾ ഒരു പുതിയ മാറ്റത്തിനു തിരി തെളിക്കുകയാണ്. ഇടവകയെ കൂടുതൽ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ മേഖലകളിലേക്ക് വളർത്തുകയാണ് ഈ ബുള്ളറ്റിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യം.

Aetatis Novae എന്ന പൊന്തിഫിക്കൽ കൗൺസിലിന്റെ അജപാലന നിർദ്ദേശത്തിൽ Social Communication ന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യം എടുത്തു പറയുന്നു. Social Media - യുടെ ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ അതു വളരെ പ്രസക്തമാണെന്നതിൽ ഒരു സംശയവുമില്ല. ഏതൊരു മാധ്യമത്തെയും പോലെ, വിജ്ഞാനത്തോടും, വിനോദത്തോടുമൊപ്പം ഇടവകയുടെ പൊതുവായ കാര്യങ്ങൾ നിങ്ങളെ അറിയിക്കുവാനും, ആശയങ്ങളും സന്തോഷങ്ങളും പരസ്പരം പങ്കുവെക്കുവാനും ഈ ബുള്ളറ്റിൻ വളരെ സഹായിക്കുമെന്ന് എനിക്കുറപ്പുണ്ട്. എല്ലാറ്റിനുമുപരിയായി ദൈവരാജ്യപ്രഘോഷണത്തിനും ഇടവക കൂട്ടായ്മയെ വളർത്തുന്നതിനും Santhome Parish Bulletin നമ്മെ സഹായിക്കട്ടെ എന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

“മാർ വാലാഹ്” എന്ന മനോഹരമായ സുറിയാനി പദമാണ് ബുള്ളറ്റിന്റെ പേരായി നമ്മൾ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ പിതാവായ മാർ തോമാശ്ലീഹാ ഉത്ഥിതനായ യേശുവിനെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞ അർത്ഥനിർഭരമായ വിശ്വാസപ്രഖ്യാപനമാണത്. ആത്മാവിന്റെ അന്തരംഗത്തിൽ നിന്നും വന്ന മനോഹരമായ ഒരു നെടുവീർപ്പിന്റെ സ്വരമാണത് ... “എന്റെ കർത്താവേ, എന്റെ ദൈവമേ” [My Lord My God : John 20:20]. നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ മുദ്രകുത്തി, എന്നും ജീവിക്കേണ്ട ഈ തിരുവചനം ബുള്ളറ്റിന്റെ പേരായി എടുത്തതിൽ നമുക്ക് അഭിമാനിക്കാം. സീറോമലബാർ ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളായ നമുക്ക്, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സാന്ത്വനം ഇടവകയ്ക്ക് ഈ വചനം നമ്മുടെ തന്നെ വ്യക്തിത്വത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെയാണ് നമ്മുടെ ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ മുൻപിൽ നാം ഈ

തിരുവചനം ആലേഖനം ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. തോമാശ്ലീഹായപ്പോലെ യേശുവിനെ ആഴത്തിൽ അറിയുവാനും മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു യേശുവിനെ കാട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുവാനും നമ്മുടെ ഈ എളിയ പരിശ്രമം സഹായിക്കട്ടെ.

Mar Walah ("മാർ വാലാഹ് ")

Jesus's disciple Thomas was not among the other disciples to whom the risen Christ first appeared, and, when they told the incredulous Thomas, he requested physical proof of the resurrection. His request was fulfilled when Christ reappeared and specifically asked Thomas to touch his wounds. His sudden realization of truth , "My Lord and my God", made Thomas the first person to explicitly acknowledge Jesus' divinity. [John 20:19-29]. Title of our parish bulletin, 'Mar Walah' is the Suriyani phrase that means "My Lord, My God!". As we know, it is the deepest and heart touching statement of faith from St. Thomas, his outburst of joy of realising the Lord! For every Christian, especially for Syro Malabar Christians, Mar Walah ("My Lord, My God") is engraved in the foundation of our faith. May our parish bulletin help us to develop this identity of a true Christian and strengthen us to work for the kingdom of God as St. Thomas did after realising the risen Lord.

"മാർ വാലാഹ്"കൂടുതൽ മനോഹരമായി മുന്നോട്ടുപോകുവാൻ മാതാവിന്റെ മാധ്യസ്ഥം യാചിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും ഇതിനു പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവരെയും അനുഗ്രഹിക്കണമേ എന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും നിർത്തട്ടെ.

സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം നിങ്ങളുടെ വികാരിയച്ചൻ,
Fr. Manoj Ambalathinkal





Editorial

In this millennium of information overdrive, those who are hungry for information - you will find them everywhere ; yet , how many do we find who are hungry for righteousness ...those who are thirsty just for faith ?

In current times of “educated ignorance and intolerance” , a genuine catholic must realise and embrace the responsibility to bring even a ray of knowledge, light, faith and hope into those narrow world ! It is in this shared enlightenment that we must find our catholic path to redemption and realisation of a life strengthened by the values taught by Jesus and exemplified by those after him who set milestones of sacrifice and giving.

We take a humble baby step here in presenting the first edition of what we wish to be small little gospel of good life of our parish. We aspire to see '**Mar Walah**', the Santhome Parish Bulletin as a positive medium for expressions, sharing of information, educating and appreciating mutually - and above all consistently enhancing our shared catholic learning.

Do join in our humble ambition and please pray along with us in our collective journey towards ushering in more enlightenment, catholic friendliness and maturity into our lives.

May God Bless All of us!!

Parish Bulletin Committee

This is my belief: that through difficulties and problems God gives us opportunity to grow. So when your hopes and dreams are dashed, search among the wreckage, you may find a golden opportunity hidden in the ruins

A P J Abdul Kalam

Santhome From Study House to a Parish: In 1983, when the foundation stone for the Santhome Study House was laid, none present would have anticipated that this would turn into a vibrant community bustling with hundreds of faithful in a few years.

By 1997, there were already more than 100 Syro Malabar Catholic families living in surrounding areas of the Study House. Most of them belonged to St. Thomas Parish near Dharmaram. It was the foresightedness and initiative of Bishop Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (also known as Bp. Mar Mani Giles), Bishop of Mananthavady, to start a mass center attached to Santhome study house. Initially the Santhome study house was declared as an independent Mission Station and later elevated to a fully privileged parish by His Grace Most Rev. Ignatius Pinto, the then Archbishop of Bangalore (on 21 Dec 2002). Fr Francis Karippukattil was appointed as the first vicar. Holy mass and other services of the new parish were started in a small hall on the ground floor of the study house.



When the hall on the ground floor became too small to accommodate the increasing number of parishioners, church activities were moved to the larger hall on the first floor, which continued as the place of worship for the next 10 plus years.

After Fr. Francis Karippukattil, subsequent vicars Fr. Kuriakose Kumbukeel, Fr. Paul Koottala and Fr. Sebastian Keezheth continued to maintain the tempo in all activities of the parish. Rev. Fr. Saji Pariyappanal was appointed as the fifth Vicar of Santhome Parish in May 2010. With over 200 families as well as a large

number of young students and employees, the need for a more spacious place for worship was acutely felt. Under the exemplary leadership and pastoral care of Saji Achan, activities started in the right vigour for constructing a new church.

Our Own Parish Church: Following representation from the parishioners, the Mananthavadi Diocese consented to provide the land within the Santhome Study House area for a new church. The foundation stone (blessed at St Thomas tomb at Chinnamalai) for the church was laid by the Bishop of Mandya Diocese, Most Rev. Mar George Njaralakad and construction by J J Constructions commenced on January 6, 2012, on the Holy Day of Danaha.

A Life in Exile and Return: During the construction period, Snehasadan team generously allowed us to use their auditorium for several months. Construction progressed day and night without any break; The new church auditorium was built in record time and consecrated by Most Rev. Mar Jose Porunnedom, the Bishop of Mananthavadi Diocese, on September 9, 2012.

Blessing of the New Church: After 4 years of hard work from a large group of people, the beautiful Santhome church became a reality. The church was blessed by His Beatitude, Cardinal Mar George Alencherry on 16 February 2014. Fr Saji continued as the vicar of the newly constructed church till 20 May 2017. In 2017, When the diocese of Mandya was extended to Bangalore, Santhome became part of this diocese and Bishop Mar Antony Kariyil upgraded our church to regional diocesan office and regional pastoral center.

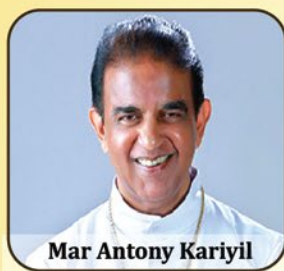
Fr. Manoj Amabalthinkal: When Fr. Saji moved to the procurator role of Mandya diocese, Rev. Fr. Manoj Amabalthinkal (current vicar) became his successor to lead the Santhome parish.



SPIRITUAL LEADERS BEHIND THE FORMATION
AND GROWTH OF SANTHOME:



Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy



Mar Antony Kariyil



Mar Jose Porunnedom



**Mar Emmanuel
Pothanamuzhy**

Previous Vicars



Fr. Francis Karippukattil



Fr. Kuriakose Kumbukeel



Fr. Paul Koottala



Fr. Sebastian Keezheth



Rev. Fr. Saji Pariyappanal
(Built the new church)

PARISH NEWS

Holy Mass Timings

SUNDAY

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5 PM

FRIDAY

6:30 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY

6:30 AM

TUESDAY

6.30 AM (in Marillac Convent)

10 Days Rosary in October

October is the month of Holy Rosary. Rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," expresses our devotion to the Mother Mary (CCC 971). At Fatima, Blessed Mother asked us to pray the rosary as it can benefit anyone at any stage of the spiritual life. Rosary leads us to meditation and contemplation which are necessary to strengthen our will to follow Christ. Ten days rosary prayer will be starting from 4th October (ending on 13-th Oct Saturday) in our church.

Mission Feast

Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is the day that encourages prayers, cooperation and help for missions as well as reminds Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church and of every baptized person. Mission Feast will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday, 11th November 2018.

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Thanks you for all your efforts ...

Hearty Welcome!!..

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Message and Best Wishes from

MARILLAC HOME

It is with great joy and profound happiness, we welcome the new initiative of publishing bi-monthly bulletin from our parish.

We the inmates of Marillac Home are glad to introduce ourselves even though most of us know each other. We belong to the Congregation of Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul (SCV), with Manathavady as its Generalate, dedicated to the service of the sick, poor and those in any way afflicted in conformity with the mission of the church.



Marillac Home, Hulimavu, Bangalore is the net result of the vision of our superior General Sr. Ancita and her General Councillors in view of enhancing and equipping the senior citizens, with a sense of belonging and compassionate love as exemplified by our heavenly patron. The hostel for ladies serves the purpose of providing them a secure home to prepare themselves to grow morally upright, socially concerned, and compassionate human being. Most importantly, we are happy to engage ourselves with all the apostolic activities of our parish church.

We the sisters, Sr. Deepa, Sr. Pushpa Jose, Sr. Seena John, and Sr. Tessa Jose join hands under the effective leadership of the house superior Sr. Salvia to fulfil the mission entrusted.

We assure our prayers and may this new venture be a blessing to all the parishioners to connect with each other as one family.

Feast of Mother Mary

Assumption of Mother Mary:

The Assumption of Mother Mary is a sacred reference to the transcending and veneration of the Virgin Mary and her blessed body beyond human mortality into Heavenly existence at the end of her time on this earth. The Assumption was a unique and beautiful blessing from God, unparalleled hitherto, for anyone borne off a human womb and this was granted only to the blessed lady who God chose to be the mother of Jesus Christ, thus venerating our Immaculate Mother into the eternal immortality of heavenly glory. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been most recently proclaimed by Pope Pius XII, in his promulgation of the Apostolic Constitution on All Saints Day (November 1st) of the Jubilee Year 1950. Pope Pius XII defined and venerated the truth of the Assumption by an ex cathedra pronouncement—that is, teaching of authority “from the chair” of Peter.

The vision of Mother Mary in the heavenly glory, lays the foundation to our understanding that the earth is just an interim abode for us, that, eventually should lead us to partake this glory that our holy mother wants to bestow on her dear believers. What a trail blazer this can be – infact, this should be - in enabling us to hold aloft our faith and our hope in the face of all travails that daily life is fought with.

By **Saju Pallath**



Nativity of Mother Mary

On September 8, Church celebrated the feast of Nativity of Mother Mary. Ten days of Novena and Holy Mass were concluded on the feast day with a pious rosary procession. Feast was ended with a ‘Sneha Virunnu’ arranged by Mathruvedi members.



ഗ്രഹാതുരതാമുണർത്തുന്ന
നാടൻ വിഭവങ്ങൾ
നിങ്ങളെ കൊതിപ്പിക്കാറുണ്ടോ?
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സാധിച്ചതിന് നന്ദി
----- ഒരു വിശ്വാസി -----



Strengthening Verses from Bible:

Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



JESUS CHRIST

Jew was He, let down by the Jews
Extreme pain for preaching good news.

Seek first Kingdom of God, He said;
Upright judge of living and dead.

Salvation's path forev'r I tread.

Carrying my cross in the wild
Him I follow just like a child.



Reap I grace, mercy and thoughts pure
In abundant measure for sure.

Satyam, Margam, Jeevam is He
Trust Him sans doubt, Blessed are we!

By Alice K.



prayer For A Better World

Oh God!

May this world be ruled by

Your Love and not with violence;

May this world be ruled by

Your Generosity and Forgiveness
and not with money;

May this world find Peace and Happiness
at the earliest!

May God Bless Us All!

By Alice K.

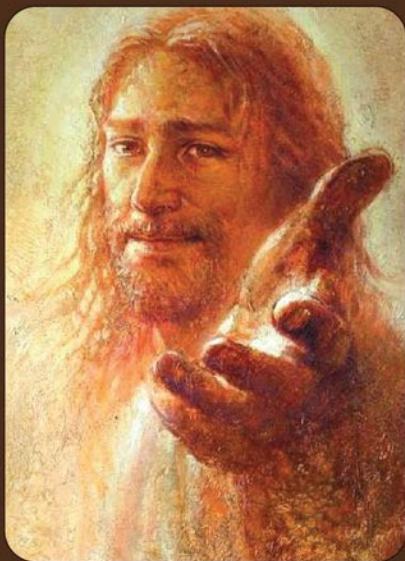


"Prayer turns ordinary mortals into men of power. It brings power. It brings fire. It brings rain. It brings life. It brings God" by Samuel Chadwick.

Shiv Khara said, "They are winners who recognize their limitations, but focus on their strengths. Losers, on the other hand, recognize their strengths but focus on their weaknesses". What makes people successful? It has more to do with their attitude towards life and towards others, than the amount of facts and figures that they have crammed into their minds during their school and college life. That was one of the points highlighted by Shiv Khara, author of the popular motivational book 'You can win.'

As we know, our strength consists of Talents, Attitude, Skills and Knowledge. (TASK) Human beings create attitude, learn knowledge and practice skills, where as the 'talents' are given by God.

A successful human being is the one who recognizes his/her strength and focus on it for a successful/happy life. Most of us fail because we don't know our talents; we practice skills that are not matching with the talents and learn knowledge that are non concurrence with talents and skills.



I was under the impression that with human ability, we can find our talents and skills. Different personality tests are also available. However, if you depend on our Lord Jesus, ask him to guide you through the situations, he will show us our strength which consists of talents, attitude, skills and knowledge (TASK). Let there be any task or situation, our God will be there to guide us.

Have you ever needed supernatural strength to face a situation head-on, but not known what to pray? God is waiting and wants to offer us strength in time of need.

Do not be afraid to pray and ask God for His strength to fall upon you!
"Prayer is less about changing the world than it is about changing ourselves".
by David Wolpe

"God's purposes and plans will not fail. Before you spend all your prayer time telling him about yours, ask about his". Louie Giglio

"Today we thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon this great country and ask him to continue to heal our land and meet our needs and we do so through the power of prayer". Nick Rahall



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GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS MY PRAYER



God always answers my prayer. There are four answers from God. When I have my human intelligence and limited understanding, I always listen to one answer only, "Yes". God answers to your prayer in your need and says "Yes". Take it now, you deserve it.

The second type of answer from God is "No", it is not required by you. Most often we don't listen to this answer because human mind is too small to understand sometime. 30 years before, I was travelling from Ranchi to Hazaribagh in Bihar with my sister, Sr. Lucina. We got into a bus and sat on the second seat from the driver. When I asked for tickets, the conductor denied it and said, "No". I started praying, "God, let this man understand the need and urgency of our journey and give us the ticket, we need to reach Hazaribagh before getting dark". The conductor was clear and said, please get down and come by the next bus. This seat is for someone who must have booked the tickets in advance. Unwillingly, we got down and waited for 30 minutes for the next bus. We got the tickets, got into the bus and seated at the third seat from the driver. We started our journey, three hours later, the bus stopped in an accident site. We saw the bus gone before us met with a serious accident. A crane hit the bus from the front side killing the driver and a passenger on the spot. The seat where we were sitting (second from the driver) one passenger died and another one seriously injured. I thank God, "Thank you very much O' Lord, thank you for your 'No' to my prayer. God's 'No' saved our life.

The third type of answer is 'Wait', not now. God knows it is not good for me now and it will be very good later. Many a time when we pray for something very important in our life, we realize that doesn't happen and we complain that God doesn't answer our prayer. My experience is that when we listen to God, he says it clearly, "wait, I have kept something better for you".

The fourth type of answer is "Do it for others". We often become too selfish on wealth and prosperity. God says, "You have enough, give some to others, the more you give, the more I will bless you". God always gives us the opportunity to serve his children in different forms. Now most part of Kerala is flooded and people are suffering a lot. Help the needy in whatever way you can; our Lord will bless you abundantly.



GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS YOUR PRAYER ?

FOUR ANSWERS FROM GOD:

Yes - Take it now, you deserve it.

No - Denied, It is not good for you.

Wait - Delayed, It would be required later.

**Do it for others - You have enough,
give it to others**

How to Pray:

Jesus Christ has taught his disciples to pray, the best prayer starting from "Our Father, who art in heaven". Let us make the prayer thanking and praising Jesus. I feel the steps to be followed is the expansion of the word "PRAY", P- praise, R- repent, A- Ask and Y - Yield. Our loving father blessed all of us with countless blessings; we thank god in praising and worshipping him. The second step is to repent of our sins, whenever we have gone against the will of God, let us repent and ask pardon. The third step is to ask God to save you from all troubles and be a child of God. God knows our need and he will provide everything what is needed. The fourth step is 'yield', that is to listen to the Lord. How do we listen? We listen to God by hearing the word of God; "Bible". Therefore, every prayer should end with reading Bible.



Maalaakha

Children's Corner



Thanks

Name for Children's corner "**Maalaakha**" is suggested by **Christy Jose**, Std VI B

The Face at the Window



It was a Christmas eve. A jostling crowd of shoppers were busy grabbing their last minute bargains. A little girl in old torn clothes also went for shopping. But she didn't have any money with her. She entered a shop which had many decorations. The man in the shop did not like poor people. So the man told the little girl to go out. The girl felt very sad. Her eyes were filled with tears when she left the shop. On the way back home, she met an old man who was struggling to walk. She helped him to cross the road. When he came to know that she was hungry, he bought her some delicious food and also gave her money to buy clothes and Christmas decorations. She went home happily.

We need to look around and care for people in misfortune – no food, no clothes, no house, no parents, not able to go to school, no money etc. We need to share our joys and blessings with those who are in need.

Paul Martin, Std IV

Kindness

It doesn't matter where you go
And who it be you meet along the way
Let your heart carry kindness in
Lo ..you practice it each day
A simple smile can change lives
A kind word, someone else's weakness
The smallest gesture represents,
The gift of joy we all seek.
The gentle touch reminds us
That care for each other
this earth abounds in,
To pet a lonely cat or dog
Shows that love will never wane
Obstacles, May there be a million
On any given day
But above the hate and beyond the fear,
Live life the kindness way!

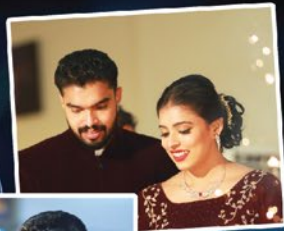
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"I have found *the one* whom my soul loves"
Songs of Solomon - 3:4



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Illuminous

IGNITE YOUR MINDS!

Thanks

Name for knowledge corner "**Illuminous**" is suggested by **Joshua Alex Leo**, Std V A

Questions and Answers

What is the view of the church regarding mixed marriages?

The difficulties of mixed marriages in day-to-day life is very complex. The spouses risk experiencing the tragedy of Christian disunity even in the heart of their own home. Differences about faith and the very notion of marriage, and also different religious mentalities, can become sources of tension in marriage, especially as regards the education of children. [CCC 1634]

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity. Such a healthy spiritual environment can be created only if both husband and wife are of the same faith.

Church accepts mixed marriages only if the other spouse whole-heartedly accepts Christian faith.

EMBRACING FREEDOM AS A RESPONSIBLE CATHOLIC

*"When we let go and let God, Freedom and peace are revealed.
When Freedom and peace are revealed God's light never goes out"...*

Poet Justice Truth

The basic individual and collective freedom an Indian citizen can avail is clearly embodied within the fundamental rights of the Indian Constitution which includes freedom of speech and expression, freedom of occupation, freedom of religion etc.(to name a prominent few). From the time the constitution came into force, we have come a long way with our judicial interpretations and have included a lot more aspects to freedom under Article 21. While as Indian citizens we all have same notions of freedoms guaranteed under our constitution, that is not the case with different religions. Let's take the example of an individual who embraces Christian faith and calls himself a Catholic.

Who is a Catholic..?

Early Church historian J. N. D. Kelly, a Protestant, writes: 'As regards 'Catholic,' its original meaning was being 'universal' or 'general.' In the latter half of the second century, it conveyed the suggestion that the Catholic is the true Church as distinct from heretical congregations (cf., e.g., Muratorian Canon). According to the Oxford dictionary, the word Catholic means 'including a wide variety of things, all-embracing'. Merriam Webster says 'Catholic is one who takes a broad interest in sympathies, tastes, and interests'.

Daniel P Horan in his Blog 'Catholic doesn't mean what you think it does' rightly observes that being Catholic not only means 'universal', but has a deeper meaning to it and borrows from the idea of the famous Jesuit scholar of the 1990's Water Ong, who explains that the word 'universal' has a theoretical as also a practical connotation to it. By looking at the notion that the word 'katholikos' comes from two Greek words 'katha' (meaning 'through' or 'throughout' and 'holos' (meaning 'whole') 'throughout the whole' draws no distinction between who's in and who's out. Therefore he suggests that the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth suggest this notion of Catholics i.e., the Greek notion supporting 'the all-inclusive nature of the church as universal'.

In conformity with this view it can be interpreted that the real meaning of a Christian or a Catholic is one who believes that he or church is a part of the society, his country, and the real world and not separate from it. Therefore, as far as a Catholic is concerned, though embracing freedom and interpreting it may

vary from person to person, it also brings in some concomitant responsibilities with it. Rightly, his freedom should also embrace this, and one should observe it wisely and cautiously...As a responsible Catholic one should proudly profess, propagate and practise one's own faith and at the same time refrain from forceful conversions and practices that can infringe upon others' religious sentiments. Personal beliefs and customs should be practiced in conformity with country's laws and a catholic must also 'walk his talk' and should practice what he preaches.

One recent incident helped me to reflect on these questions deeper...One Sunday morning, when we were driving to church my six-year-old daughter, asked me a very innocent question-'Amma, why only girls are wearing net to church?, why only aunties cover their hair in church and why not the boys or uncles?' I fumbled to give a logical answer to this question...(and thought it's a lot easier to explain legal concepts to my grown up students !!) but finally managed to convince her that women covering their head is a mark of respect, recommended in Holy scriptures [in 1 Corinthians 11:2-16,1 and Timothy 2:9] and more practised in India, where a lot of importance is given to traditions and customs, than in western countries...but the question still lingered in my mind and I kept wondering....why we/our generation never asked such questions to our parents...?

So, while its important to teach Catholic/Christian principles to our children: having an open mindset, allowing children to express their views and above all the ability of the church to transform with societal changes are all important to keep the relevance of our teachings and values to the present generations and to the future ones. The challenges that Churches/Catholics across the globe face today are also in similar lines. We must understand that the world and more importantly our children are watching us and this should make us a lot more responsible in our deeds. Knowledge of the Christian/Catholic principles should inculcate a sense of responsibility in our children to become better Catholics, better citizens and above all better human beings.



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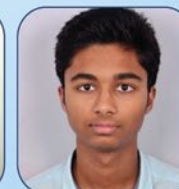
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Update From **RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

An overview of SSVP Santhome Conference:

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SSVP), formed Conference of Santhome Parish Hulimavu under area council of Koramangala (and shifted to Dharmaram in 2017) along with first meeting on March 18th, 2012 and officially inaugurated on November 27, 2013. SSVP founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam and his six companions. The main aim was to provide an opportunity for ordinary men, women and youth, a means to enrich their spiritual life through sharing their time and resources to offer compassion and care for the deprived sections, irrespective of language, creed etc. The founders desired, as St. Vincent De Paul so often reminded his followers **“to be the face of Christ to the poor”**.

Nos. Active Members: Total:- 22

General activities of SSVP Santhome Conference Helping needy people in medical, education, food, marriage etc. Fund raising through various activities like collection & selling of newspapers, old items from parishioners, through stalls during special occasions like annual feast - butter milk and fruits for offering, Selling Christmas cakes, payasam during Onam season.



Pilgrimage to Lourde Matha Church Kelamangalam(Near Hosur), walk to St. Mary's church Shivajinagar, walk to infant Jesus church Viveknagar during lent period.

Members of the conference have actively participated in all the church activities such as annual feast, Christmas celebration, Onam celebration, Good Friday etc. Visiting of sick / elderly people's house, hospital, orphanage/Care home and outing with children from orphanage.

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2015 ലാണ് സാന്തോം പിതൃവേദി സംഘടന രൂപപ്പെടുന്നത്. അന്നത്തെ വികാരി ഫാ. സജി പരിയപ്പനാൽ നേതൃത്വം നൽകുകയും ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ആന്റണി കരിയിൽ പിതാവിന്റെ സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇടവകയുടെ പൊതുതാൽപര്യം മനസ്സിലാക്കി കൊണ്ട് ഇടവകയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടിയുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുക എന്ന ഉദ്ദേശമാണ് സാന്തോം യൂണിറ്റ് കൈക്കൊണ്ടിട്ടുള്ളത്. അതോടൊപ്പം സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ പൊതു നന്മയെ കരുതിയുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലും പിതൃവേദി സഹകരിച്ചു വരുന്നു.

മാണ്ഡ്യ രൂപതയുടെ കീഴിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന പിതൃവേദി സംഘടനയുടെ ഒരു സാമൂഹിക സഹായമാണ് "Free Dialysis". നിർദ്ദയരായ രോഗികൾക്ക് Free ആയിട്ട് ഡയാലിസിസ് ചെയ്യുവാനുള്ള സൗകര്യം പിതൃവേദിയിലൂടെ ലഭ്യമാണ്. ഇതിന് നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുന്നത് പിതൃവേദി സെൻട്രൽ കമ്മറ്റിയാണ്.

ഹുളിമാവ് സാന്തോം യൂണിറ്റിന്റെ കീഴിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ ഫെബ്രുവരി 25-ാം തീയതി ഇടവകയിലെ സ്ത്രീകൾക്ക് വേണ്ടി ഒരു കാൻസർ സ്കാനിംഗ് പ്രോഗ്രാം സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. ഇതിൽ ഇടവകയിലെ എല്ലാ സ്ത്രീജനങ്ങളും പങ്കെടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായി.

മാർച്ച് 19 വി. യൗസേപ്പിതാവിന്റെ തിരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ഇടവകയിലെ എല്ലാ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കും ഒരു നേർച്ച കൊടുക്കുന്നത് പിതൃവേദിയുടെ ഒരു പതിവാണ്.

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SPYCA എന്ന സംഘടന നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയിൽ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടത് 2017 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 27ന് ആണ്. 'Parenting' എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ മനോഹരമായ ഒരു ക്ലാസ്സ് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു കൊണ്ടാണ് അന്നേദിവസം ഇതിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം നടന്നത്. വളർച്ചയുടെ പടവുകൾ കയറാൻ ആരംഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ സംഘടനയിലേയ്ക്ക് ഇനിയും ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾ ചേരുമെന്ന് വിശ്വസിക്കുകയും, എല്ലാവരുടെയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും സഹായ സഹകരണങ്ങളും അപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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മാതൃത്വത്തിന്റെ മഹനീയ ഭാവങ്ങളാൽ സമ്പന്നമായ സഭ നമുക്ക് അമ്മയാണ്. അങ്ങനെയെന്നാൽ ആ സഭയിൽ മാതൃഭാവങ്ങൾ ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതലായി പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതും അമ്മമാർക്കാണ്. അമ്മയെന്നാൽ വീടിന്റെ വിളക്കാണ്. ആ വിളക്കുണഞ്ഞാൽ കുടുംബവും സമൂഹവും ഇരുട്ടിലാവും. പരി. അമ്മയിലൂടെ മാത്രമേ നമുക്ക് ഈശോയിലേയ്ക്കടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കൂ. പരി. അമ്മ നമുക്കു വേണ്ടി തന്റെ പുത്രനോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലൂടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ, അത്ഭുതത്തിന്റെ, മഹനീയ ശക്തി സ്മരിക്കുന്ന ജപമാല നമുക്കു നൽകി ആ ജപമാലയുടെ ശക്തിയാൽ പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മ നമ്മേ പരിപാലിക്കുന്നു.... “മാതൃവേദി” എന്നും പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയുടെ അനുഗ്രഹത്തിന്റെ തണലിലാണ്.

മാതൃസംഘടനകൾ പല ഇടവകകളിലും തുടക്കം കുറിച്ച സമയത്തു തന്നെയാണ് 2010 ഡിസംബർ 8ന് മാതൃവേദി നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയിലും ഔദ്യോഗികമായി നിലവിൽ വരുന്നത്. അന്നുതൊട്ടിനോളം നമുക്കഭിമാനിക്കാവുന്ന ഉയർച്ചകളിലൂടെയാണ് അമ്മമാർ കടന്നു വന്നിട്ടുള്ളത്. മുൻകാലങ്ങളിൽ മാതൃവേദിയെ ഉയർച്ചയിലേയ്ക്കു നയിച്ച എല്ലാ ഭാരവാഹികളെയും നന്ദിയോടെ ഓർക്കുന്നതിനോടൊപ്പം, Marillac Convent ലെ എല്ലാ സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനേയും, അവർ മാതൃവേദിക്കായി ചെയ്തു തന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന സഹായങ്ങളെയും നന്ദിപൂർവ്വം ഓർക്കുന്നു.

മാതൃവേദിയുടെ ഉയർച്ചയ്ക്കു പിന്നിൽ അമ്മമാരുടെ സ്ഥിരോത്സാഹവും, കഠിനാദ്ധ്വാനവും തന്നെയാണ്. ചെറുതെന്നു തോന്നാമെങ്കിലും, ഫണ്ട് രൂപീകരണത്തിനായും, പള്ളിയുടെ കടബാധ്യതയിലേയ്ക്കുള്ള സഹായത്തിനായും, അമ്മമാർ തന്നെ ഉണ്ടാക്കി കൊണ്ടുവരുന്ന സാധനങ്ങൾ വിൽക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഇതിനെല്ലാം ഉപരിയായി രോഗീസന്ദർശനങ്ങൾ നടത്തുകയും വൃദ്ധസദനങ്ങൾ, ഓർഫനേജുകൾ എന്നിവ സന്ദർശിക്കുകയും, അവർക്കാവശ്യമായ സഹായങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കുകയും, അവരോടൊപ്പം സമയം ചിലവഴിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. വിശുദ്ധ അൽഫോൻസാമ്മയുടെ തിരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് പുത്തനടുപ്പുകൾ ശേഖരിക്കുകയും HIV ബാധിതരായ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് കൊടുക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നത് ഒരു പതിവാണ്.

മാസത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യ ബുധനാഴ്ച meeting ഉം class ഉം തുടർന്നുള്ള ബുധനാഴ്ചകളിൽ ആരാധനയും, മാസാവസാന ബുധനാഴ്ച പ്രത്യേകമായ അഖണ്ഡജപമാലയും നടത്തി വരുന്നു. ഇടവകയ്ക്കും, ഇടവക സമൂഹത്തിനുമായി നിരന്തരം പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്ന സംഘടനയാണ് മാതൃവേദി.

ഇനിയും ധാരാളം അമ്മമാർ മാതൃവേദിയിലേയ്ക്കു കടന്നുവരുവാൻ

ഞങ്ങളാഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ കുടുംബത്തിലെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വങ്ങളും, ജോലികളും കഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷമുള്ള കുറച്ചു സമയം നമുക്ക് മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കായ് മാറ്റിവെയ്ക്കാം. 'പ്രവർത്തിയിൽ ഇല്ലാത്ത ക്രിസ്തീയ വിശ്വാസം നിർജീവമാണ്'. ഇന്നലെകൾ കടന്നു പോയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇന്ന് എന്തുചെയ്യാം എന്നതിലാണ് കാര്യം. സമയത്തിന്റെ ചിറകിലേറിയുള്ള ഈ യാത്രയിൽ നമുക്കു കിട്ടുന്ന ചുരുങ്ങിയ നിമിഷങ്ങളെ ഗൗരവത്തോടെ കാണുവാൻ, ഏതൊരു സ്ത്രീയ്ക്കും, അമ്മയ്ക്കും കഴിയട്ടെ എന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെ...

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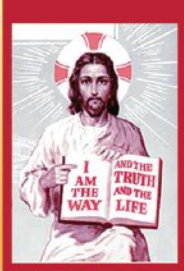
Santhome Youth Celebrates Youth Day

On July 8th 2018, all the youth including the migrant youth of the church met up and attended an inspiring session by Rev Fr. Emil Abraham. Father shed light on the importance of youth retaining their individuality and preserving personality at all times. Through an activity, he made us realise our potential and reignited in us the right spirits to contribute to the functioning of the church.



Tournament: As SMYM initiative, a throwball tournament was conducted for girls and football for boys, on 15th July, 2018, in the grounds of Christ Academy. The well organised day ended with an appreciation of all efforts poured into making the day a success and felicitation of the winners. It was a proud moment when the boys put up a great game and girls bagged the Champions trophy.

CATECHISM CORNER



Catechism is an integral part of faith formation of our children. In this modern world, where the technology and social media drives the young minds, it is extremely important to build their life on 'rocks' of catholic faith. Children must understand the importance of having personal relationship with God for a happy and peaceful life. Catechism strives hard to achieve this goal, year after year.

An update on the recent activities:

At the end of summer vacation, a motivational camp was conducted by the Catechism school with the help of external trainers. The theme for the two days camp was "Being Holy ..Being Human" ; The camp helped our students to understand the importance of divine virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity in their lives through various games, activities, and songs.

Catechism classes for the academic year was officially inaugurated by **vicar Fr. Manoj Ambalathinkal** on Sunday 3rd June 2018. As in the previous years, catechism classes are being conducted regularly for all students from Std I to Std XII. Dedicated mass for the students, more focus on proclamation of Word Of God by selected children during the children's mass, monthly theme (June – Holy Bible, July – St. Thomas, August - St. Mary, September - Family Prayer) based events such as essays, elocution etc and more articles from students to catechism notice board, are some of the changes introduced in the new academic year.

As part of Bible Kalothsavam 2018, several literary and cultural events are planned in the coming weeks. Bible Quiz and Logos quiz are also coming soon. Since all these are part of faith formation, students are encouraged to actively participate in it.

Love Is To Be Given Away

"A bell is not a bell 'till you ring it,

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message from Pope Leo XIII in 1947 when foreign missionaries left India, inspired the formation of the Cherupushpa Mission League (CML).

Today, after 70 years, CML is the biggest missionary organisation for Laity (ordinary members) in Asia. CML activities for the year 2018-19 was formally inaugurated in our parish on June 3, 2018. All students who have received Holy communion are members of CML.

CML Objectives:

- Fostering the Mission Spirit and assisting missionaries by means of Prayer, Man and Money
- Vocation Promotion
- Personality Development

Student office bearers are selected for 2018-19:

George Thomas - President

Eugina Benny - Vice president

Allen Tomy - Secretary

Rose - Joint Secretary

Ashwin Shijo - Treasurer



Activities:

- Monthly adoration (every second Saturday) in our chapel
- Praying one rosary, every day in each family in our parish, with specific intention of mission activities, vocation promotion and personality development of all parish children.

Story of a Soul – is the autobiography of St Theresa of Lisieux (also, known as Little Flower and St Kochuthresia). Though she lived only 24 years on this world, she is considered as one of the Doctors of the church because of her deep understanding of spirituality. St. Theresa is the Patron Saint of CML.



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Drop your answers in the Parish Bulletin drop box in the church within 2 weeks after publishing the Parish Bulletin. Only one entry per person is allowed. Winners will be decided based on a lucky draw.

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ACROSS

1	Same as God (4)
2	Sacrificed his life for another person (5)
3	Patron of chastity (6)
4	Jesus of Nazareth King of Jews (4)
5	Good for needy, not for greedy (4)
6	Month of Mother Mary (3)
7	Saint, The Second Christ (7)
8	God Doesn't like this (3)
9	All of us are called to become a _____ (5)
10	My Lord My God (6)
11	Become Part of God's salvation plan, remember (8)
18	"Salvation of India is in the hands of her children" – inspired to form this organization (3)

1	Basic characteristic of God (4)
7	Famous automotive brand (4)
12	Brother of a great prophet from Old testament(5)
13	Supreme form of worship (4)
14	Great saint from India (8)
15	Mother of a great saint from Hippo (6) 16
16	Holy season (4)
17	Important part of confession (6)

Logos Quiz : Deuteronomy Ch 1 to 11

- 1] Name of the place from where Moses sent the 12 selected members of Israel to get details of the promised Land.
- 2] _____ is the son of Nun
- 3] Son of Jephunneh _____
- 4] Name of the Amorite King who was defeated at Jahaz
- 5] Name of the three places where Lord was provoked by Israel
- 6] Name of the place where Aron died
- 7] Land of streams
- 8] Name the two mountains where Moses told Israel to keep the blessings and curse
- 9] Promised land will have Vine, Fig Tree, Apple, Pomegranate; choose the odd one
- 10] _____ is the inheritance of Levi
- 11] Israel were tested in the wilderness because God wanted to [A] make them Strong [B] make them Humble [C] punish them [D] None of the above
- 12] Moses was allowed to see the promised land from _____
- 13] What is the key point Moses emphasized in the Ch 6 to 11 [A] Be thankful to God [B] Always pray to God [C] Live as per the statutes and commandments of God [D] How to go to the promised land.
- 14] Lord will bless your [A] Honey, [B] Wine, [C] Oil, [D] Grain-choose the odd one
- 15] Why did Lord became angry with Israel at Kadesh-barnea? [A] They did not believe Moses [B] They did not believe the report of the spies [C] They did not believe the word of God [D] They fought with descendant of Esau and Lot.

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